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 TAGS: PINS, XF, IZ, PLO
 SUBJECT: ARAFAT THREATENS ESCALATION OF FEDAYEEN ACTION AND HOLDS
 TALKS WITH IRAQIS

REF: (A) FBIS AMMAN 060725Z NOV 78
 (B) FBIS AMMAN 040952Z NOV 78

1. POST WISHES DRAW DEPT'S ATTENTION TO REF A, FBIS
 TRANSLATION OF IRAQ NEWS AGENCY REPORT ON ARAFAT PRESS
 CONFERENCE. THE PLO LEADER SAID, "IN LIGHT OF THE
 RESOLUTIONS OF THE BAGHDAD SUMMIT, FEDAYEEN ACTION
 WILL ESCALATE IN THE FUTURE AND THE WORLD WILL HEAR OF
 THE SOPHISTICATED METHODS WHICH WILL BE USED."

2. WE ALSO NOTE (REF B) REPORT THAT ARAFAT AND
 SADDAM HUSSEIN AGREED THAT THE TWO FACTIONS OF FATAH
 WOULD SEEK RECONCILIATION OF THEIR DIFFERENCES. IT IS
 BELIEVED HERE THAT IRAQ HAS TOLD ABU NIDAL TO ACCEPT
 ARAFAT'S LEADERSHIP OF PLO IN RETURN FOR ARAFAT'S OFFER

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TO LIFT DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED ON ABU NIDAL. IN THIS
CONNECTION, IT MAY BE NOTEWORTHY THAT FINAL DECLARATION
OF BAGHDAD SUMMIT CALLED ON ALL ARAB STATES TO REFRAIN
FROM INTERFERING IN INTERNAL PALESTINIAN ACTIVITY.
IRAQ HAS BEEN A MAJOR OFFENDER IN THIS REGARD, AND
PANGUAGE SUGGESTS THAT ARAFAT MAY NOW ENJOY GREATER
AUTHORITY.
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